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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)		Docket Number: 1662/61702	
Application Number 10/717,325	Filing Date November 18, 2003	Examiner Patricia L. Morris	Art Unit 1625
Invention Title STABLE LANSOPRAZOLE CONTAINING MORE THAN 500 PPM, UP TO ABOUT 3,000 PPM WATER AND MORE THAN 200 PPM, UP TO ABOUT 5,000 PPM ALCOHOL		Inventors LIBERMAN et al.	

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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Actions dated July 19, 2005, and March 15, 2006, for the above-identified patent application.
- It is believed that no additional claim fees are due.
- Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of March 15, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. Please charge the **\$1,020.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.
- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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